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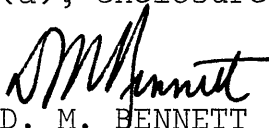
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Narrative, Documentary Annexes)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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Part I

Ship's Chronology Calander Year 1973

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>OPCON</u>
01 Jan - 07 Jan	Holiday upkeep Pearl Harbor	TU 15.2.4
05 Jan	Underway for hot ACC Inspection	
08 Jan - 29 Jan	Restricted availability Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard	
9 Jan	Annual Type Commander's Medical Inspection	
16 Jan - 18 Jan	Annual Type Commander 3M Inspection	
18 Jan - 19 Jan	Command Administrative/Predeployment Inspection	
30 Jan - 2 Feb	Underway - local operations	
31 Jan	Operational readiness inspection	
1 Feb	Due to Third Fleet establishment, chopped TU 35.3.4 to TU 35.3.4	
3 Feb - 4 Feb	Inport Pearl Harbor	
5 Feb - 7 Feb	Underway - local operations	
6 Feb	NGFS Qualifications - Kahoolawe Island	
8 Feb - 19 Feb	Upkeep Pearl Harbor	TG 32.2
8 Feb	Chopped to TG32.2, Third Fleet Readyforce, placed on 96 hr readiness for deployment	
9 Feb	Annual CMS Inspection	
20 - 22 Feb	Underway - local operations	
23 Feb - 4 Mar	Upkeep Pearl Harbor	
5 Mar - 9 Mar	Underway - local operations	
10 Mar - 18 Mar	Upkeep Pearl Harbor	
19 Mar - 15 Apr	TAV Pearl Harbor	
1 Apr	Chopped to TU 35.3.4	TU 35.3.4
16 Apr - 18 Apr	Underway - local operations	
19 Apr - 22 Apr	Upkeep Pearl Harbor	
23 Apr - 27 Apr	Underway - COMPTUEX GA-73 under command of COMDESRON 33 in company with USS KNOX (DE-1052), USS OUELETT (DE-1077), USS WHIPPLE (DE-1062), USS BENJAMIN STODDERT (DDG-22), USS BARBEL (SS-580) and USS CHIPOLA (AO-63)	
28 Apr - 13 May	Preoverseas movement Pearl Harbor	
1 May	Chopped to TG 32.2, Third Fleet ready force, placed on 96 hr readiness for deployment	TG 32.2
14 May - 23 May	Transit to WESTPAC under command of COMDESRON 33 in company with USS BENJAMIN STODDERT (DDG 22), USS OUELLET (DE-1077) and USS WHIPPLE (DE-1062).	TU 30.8.1
17 May	Brief stop for fuel at Midway	
21 May	Chopped to COMSEVENTHFLT	TU 70.0.2
24 May - 25 May	Inport Yokosuka, Japan	

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>OPCON</u>
24 May	Chopped to CTF 75. Navy Unit Commendation presented to STRAUSS by COMDESRON 33	TF 75
26 May - 27 May	Underway, transit to Sasebo, Japan	
28 May - 1 Jun	Upkeep Sasebo, Japan	
2 Jun - 6 Jun	Underway, transit to Gulf of Tonkin	
4 June	Served as Commander Taiwan Patrol Force (CTG 72.1)	
7 Jun - 9 Jun	Relieved USS STIEN (DE-1065) PIRAZ Escort ship for USS FOX (DLG-33)	TU 77.0.2
10 Jun - 23 Jun	Relieved USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9) as AAW Picket ship under (CTU 77.0.1) AAW Picket escort - USS WHIPPLE (DE-1062)	TU 77.0.1
10 Jun	COMDESRON 33 Embarked relieved by USS DECATUR (DDG 31)	
24 Jun - 30 Jun	Relieved USS BENJAMIN STODDERT (DDG 22) PIRAZ Escort ship for USS STERETT (DLG-31)	TU 77.0.2
24 Jun	COMDESRON 33 disembarked	
1 Jul - 2 Jul	Underway transit to Kaohsiung, Taiwan	TF 75
1 Jul	Relieved as PIRAZ Escort ship by USS EDSON (DD-946)	
3 Jul	SAR Taiwan - in process of storm evasion stoodby to provide assistance	
4 Jul - 11 Jul	GLOMAR 4 drilling rig in Taiwan strait Inport Kaohsiung, Taiwan for tender availability period with USS PRAIRIE (AD-15)	TF72
12 Jul - 13 Jul	Underway, Transit to Gulf of Tonkin	TF 75
12 Jul	Served as Commander Taiwan Patrol Force (CTG 72.1)	
14 Jul - 21 Jul	Relieved USS BENJAMIN STODDERT (DDG 22) AS USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) escort and CTU 77.3.2	TG 77.3
21 Jul	Relieved by USS WHIPPLE (DE-1062) as USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) escort and CTU 77.3.2)	
22 Jul	Enroute AAW Picket Station	
23 Jul - 5 Aug	Relieved USS BENJAMIN STODDERT (DDG 22) as AAW Picket ship and CTU 77.0.1 AAW Picket escort USS OUELLET (DE-1077)	CTU 77.0.1
30 Jul	USS STEIN (DE-1065) relieved USS OUELLET (DE-1077) as AAW Picket escort ship	
6 Aug	Relieved as AAW Picket ship and CTU 77.0.1 by COMDESRON NINE embarked in USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 32)	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>OPCON</u>
6 Aug - 7 Aug	Transit to Hong Kong, B.C.C	TF 75
8 Aug - 15 Aug	Port visit Hong Kong B.C.C	
9 Aug	Underway for storm evasion to evade tropical storm Georgia	
16 Aug - 17 Aug	Underway, enroute Gulf of Tonkin	
18 Aug - 28 Aug	Relieved COMDESRON NINE embarked in USS JOHN PAUL JONE (DDG 32) as AAW Picket ship and CTU 77.0.1. AAW Picket escort. USS HAMMOND (DE-1067)	CTU 77.0.1
19 Aug	USS WHIPPLE (DE-1062) relieved USS FRANCIS HAMMOND (DE-1067) as AAW PICKET Escort	
26 Aug	COMDESRON 33 embarked.	
28 Aug	Relieved by USS PARSONS (DDG 33) as AAW Picket ship and CTU 77.0.1	
28 Aug - 29 Aug	Enroute Subic OPAREAS	TF 75
30 Aug - 1 Sep	Relieved USS OUELLET (DE-1077) as USS CORAL SEA (CVA043) plane guard and CTU 77.3.2	TG 77.3
1 Sep	Relieved by USS OUELLET AS USS CORAL SEA plane guard and CTU 77.3.2 transited to Subic Bay, R.P.	TF 75
2 Sep - 18 Sep	Upkeep Subic Bay, R.P.	
25 Sep	COMDESRON 33 Debarked	
19 Sep	Type Training Subic Opareas conducted ASW OPS with USS GRAYBACK (LPSS-574)	
20 Sep - 23 Sep	Port visit Manila	TF 75
23 Sep	COMDESRON 33 embarked	
24 Sep - 27 Sep	Transit to Singapore	
26 Sep	Crossed the Equator	
28 Sep - 7 Oct	Upkeep Singapore	
8 Oct - 9 Oct	Transit to Sattahip, Thailand	
10 Oct - 15 Oct	Port visit Sattahip, Thailand	
16 Oct - 18 Oct	Enroute Gulf of Tonkin	
19 Oct - 26 Oct	Relieved USS SAMPLE (DE-1048) as PIRAZ excort for USS ENGLAND (DLG 22)	TU 77.0.2
21 Oct	USS ENGLAND (DLG 22) relieved as PIRAZ by USS PREBLE (DLG 15)	
26 Oct	Relieved by USS BENJAMIN STODDERT (DDG 22) as PIRAZ escort.	
27 Oct - 28 Oct	Transit to Subic Bay, R.P.	TF 75
29 Oct - 12 Nov	Upkeep Subic	
29 Oct - 5 Nov	Drydocked	

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>OPCON</u>
2 Nov	CDR S.P. DANIELS, USN, Relieved by CDR D.M. BENNETT, USN, as CO, USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG 16)	
13 Nov	Type Training - Subic Oparea	
14 Nov - 17 Nov	Port visit, San Fernando, R.P.	
18 Nov	Transit/Brief stop for fuel at Subic, R.P.	
19 Nov - 21 Nov	FIREX for Third Marine Division Gunnery School at Tabones Target COMPLEX, R.P.	
21 Nov	NGFS Qualifications at Tabones Target complex, R.P.	
22 Nov - 24 Nov	Inport Subic Bay, R.P.	
25 Nov - 7 Dec	Transit to MIDPAC under command of COMDESRON 33 in company with USS BENJAMIN STODDERT (DDG 22), USS WHIPPLE (DE-1062), USS OUELLET (DE-1077) and USS SAMPLE (DE-1048)	TU 75.5.6
29 Nov	ASW Operations with USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN-598)	
29 Nov	Brief stop for fuel at Guam, Marianas Islands	
1 Dec	Chopped to Third Fleet Ready Force	TG 32.2
4 Dec	Brief stop for fuel at Midway Island	
8 Dec - 31 Dec	Leave/upkeep Pearl	TH 52.3.2

Part II
Report of Ship;s History
Basic Narrative

1. Command Organization and Relations.

a. Commander Shane P. DANIELS, USN, was relieved as Commanding Officer, USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG 16) by Commander David M. BENNETT, USN, on 2 November 1973.

b. During 1973 USS JOSEPH STRAUSS was homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

c. At the end of 1973, ship's company was composed of 21 officers and 300 enlisted men.

2. Summary of Operations.

JOSEPH STRAUSS began 1973 by concluding the holiday leave/upkeep period in Pearl Harbor.

On 5 January JOSEPH STRAUSS was underway for a successful inspection of the Engineering plant automatic combustion control system.

On 8 January she entered Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for a three week restricted availability period. During this same period JOSEPH STRAUSS successfully completed the Annual Type Commander's Medical and 3M Inspections, and the Command Administrative Pre-deployment Inspection.

From 30 Jan - 2 Feb JOSEPH STRAUSS was underway preparing for and completing the Operational Readiness Inspection in preparation for the forthcoming deployment. On 1 Feb STRAUSS became an element of the newly established Third Fleet.

Again from 5 thru 7 Feb STRAUSS was underway for local operations. This time completing Naval Gunfire Support Qualifications at the KAHOO LAWE Island range.

On 8 Feb STRAUSS became an element of the Third Fleet Ready Force and began extensive preparations for the coming deployment. This included underway training periods during 20-22 Feb and 5-9 Mar. The rapidly changing situation in Southeast Asia caused the deployment to be delayed to a May sailing date.

From 19 Mar to 15 April STRAUSS was alongside the USS BRYCE CANYON for an extended Tender availability period to accomplish many necessary repairs prior to deployment.

From 23 to 27 April STRAUSS, in company with USS KNOX (DE-1052), USS OUELLET (DE-1077), USS WHIPPLE (DE-1062), USS BENJAMIN STODDERT (DDG 22), USS BARBEL, (SS-580) and USS CHIPOLA (AO-63), all under the operational command of Commander Destroyer Squadron Thirty-Three, participated in the COMPTUEX GA-73 exercise conducted in Hawaiian waters. This exercise provided valuable training in communications, weapons, maneuvering and various other operational evolutions

With only a brief additional two weeks of preparation, STRAUSS deployed to the Western Pacific on 14 May under command of Commander Destroyer Squadron Thrity-Three, in company with USS BENJAMIN STODDERT, USS OUELLET and USS WHIPPLE. On 17 May STRAUSS made a brief fuel stop at Midway, and on 24 May arrived for a two day stop at Yokosuka, Japan. While in Yokosuka, COMDESRON 33 presented STRAUSS with the Navy Unit Commendation earned for the 1972 Deployment.

On 26 May STRAUSS departed for Sasebo, Japan, arriving there on 28 May to commence a five day upkeep period.

Also during the later part of May conversion to Ameroyal evaporator water treatment was completed at a cost of approximately \$750 and 100 ships force manhours. This conversion resulted in significantly increased fresh water production and less evaporator maintenance and down time.

(Operations summaries for June thru November are contained in Part III, Documentary Annexes)

On 7 December 1973 JOSPEH STRAUSS returned to her homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and concluded the year as it was began -- with a leave/upkeep period.

PART III
DOCUMENTARY ANNEXES

1. Biweekly Overhaul SITREPS
2. Congratulatory Messages Received
3. Miscellaneous Items

2 July 1973

Operational Summary for the Month of June 1973 (U)

1. Operations. JOSEPH STRAUSS experienced the full spectrum of Yankee station operations with the exception of Carrier escort. These assignments proved beneficial in increasing the overall AAW readiness of the command. Considerable experience was also gained in the area of Intelligence collection. The initial sighting of a previously unknown type of NVN Small Combatant Vessel on 7 June 1973 generated interest and initiative in the timely and accurate reporting of Intelligence information. JOSEPH STRAUSS conducted nine UNREPS during June, one of which was a VERT-REP.
2. Material Condition/Readiness - JOSEPH STRAUSS experienced four major casualties during June-NR1 Cleaver Brooks Flash type distilling unit, the AN/WLR-1D, the AN/SPS-40 and 1B turbine driven main condensate pump. Only the AN/SPS-40 and 1B turbine driven main condensate pump remain as outstanding CASREPTS. Particularly noteworthy was the assistance given by CORAL SEA in affecting overnight repairs to my evaporator condensate pump motor and SRF Subic in providing technical assistance and spare parts support for the AN/WLR-1D. The AN/SPS-40 is operational at 75% full power but remains CASREPT pending arrival of additional repair parts. I expect that the condensate pump will be repaired while I'm in Kaohsiung.
3. Training.
 - (a) JOSEPH STRAUSS attained and maintained C-1 readiness in all areas with the exception of live submarine operations and engineering trials. The following required exercises were successfully conducted during June:

ELINTEN	Z-21-S	VERTREP
Z-2-CI	Z-28-S	ASROC REARM
LIVE AAWEX (112 hours)	Z-28-S	MISSILE REARM
Z-6-AA	Z-28-S	GUN AMMO REARM
Z-17-AA	Z-29-S	REFUEL
Z-10-GM	Communications Package	
A-13-GM	Full period termination was activated on 092200Z June and was deactivated on 240400Z June. Receiving continuity during this period was 96.1%	

(b) The services of two TGU personnel shipriders were obtained from NAVSECGRUDET Yokosuka, Japan from 1 through 16 June. The shipriders proved invaluable in training ship's personnel in the practical aspects of ELINT collection in WESTPAC.

(c) Control of aircraft resulted in 214 live intercepts during 68 hours of positive control.

(d) CTG64.4 services for AAW firing and air intercept controlling were utilized on 2 June and proved to be easy to arrange, despite the short advance notice and the fact that services were scheduled for a Saturday.

PROJECT UPWARD

During the month of June JOSEPH STRAUSS RAFT personnel conducted two UPWARD Seminars. Twenty-six men successfully completed twenty hours of race relations education, included are five COMDESRON THIRTY-THREE staff personnel. Seminar size has been reduced from the ideal twenty members for shore based sessions to twelve members to accommodate the shipboard environment. When shorebased facilities are available twenty person seminars will be conducted. All E-4s and above will have completed UPWARD training by 30 September 1973.

Personnel Manning

USS JOSEPH STRAUSS remained C2 in personnel manning during the month of June. A significant shortage remains in Petty Officer manning in the OS, BM, and IC ratings. The COMCRUDESPEC REP at EPDOPAC is aware of all shortages. Satisfactory replacement requisitions have been filled with sufficient replacements to arrive during the months of July through September.

USS JOSEPH STRAUSS Operational assignments for the period 1-30 June 1973.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TASK ORG</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>
1JUN	TF75	Inport Sasebo
2-3JUN	TF75	Enroute Tonkin
4JUN	CTG72.1	Taiwan Patrol Force
5-6JUN	TF75	Enroute Tonkin
7-9JUN	TU77.0.2	PIRAZ Escort
10-23JUN	CTU 77.0.1	AAW Picket
24-30JUN	TU 77.0.2	PIRAZ Escort

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6 August 1973

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1973

1. Operations. As in June, JOSEPH STRAUSS again operated in most of the Yankee station DD assignments during her twenty-three days at sea in July. The assignment as USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) escort marked the first time since March 1972 that JOSEPH STRAUSS has worked with a carrier. The experience was extremely valuable, most notably in the area of tactical maneuvering and an appreciation for Yankee Station Carrier Operations. The schedule change deleting the port visit in Keelung and shortening the tender availability in Kaohsiung to eight days proved disruptive in that some long awaited non-mission essential maintenance again had to be deferred to the next tender availability, which is presently unscheduled.

Out of the ordinary operations during the month included the successful evasion of tropical storm Wilda, the SAR mission on 3 July 1973 to standby to provide assistance to the Panamanian registry offshore drilling rig Glomar 4 in the Taiwan Strait and participation in an air/surface power demonstration 23 July 1973 on Yankee station for then prospective Commander SEVENTH Fleet, VADM G. P. STEELE, USN. Though no assistance was required by Glomar 4 on the SAR mission, JOSEPH STRAUSS did discover a fishing boat not under command and in need of assistance. It was reported to Glomar 4 and was taken under tow by two of Glomar 4's supply boats to Kaohsiung.

2. Training. JOSEPH STRAUSS was again successful in attaining/maintaining C-1 readiness with the exception of mission areas Surface Warfare, Anti-Submarine Warfare and Mobility. Surface Warfare dropped below C-1 23 July 1973 due non-completion of a Z-23-G. A surface gunnery exercise was scheduled with USS CORAL SEA using a surface target balloon. However, shortly after launch, the balloon sank. Flight operations and adverse weather conditions precluded rescheduling. No training was accomplished in ASW due lack of services. The Chinese Navy attack teacher at Tsoying Naval Base was scheduled while in Kaohsiung but cancelled when the trainer was placed out of service for repairs. With the completion of the 15 and 20 knot economy runs, JOSEPH STRAUSS lacks only a full power run for C-1 in MOB.

The following OPSTAT reported exercises were completed during July:

ELINTEX
Z-2-CI
LIVE AAWEX (35 HRS)
Z-17-AA
Z-10/13-GM

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Z-12-CM (MOD)
 15 KNOT ECONOMY TRIAL
 20 KNOT ECONOMY TRIAL
 DAMAGE CONTROL PACKAGE
 INPORT DC PACKAGE
 Z-21-S
 Z-28-S ASROC REARM
 Z-28-S MISSILE REARM
 Z-29-S
 Z-13-CC

During July a total of 7 unreprs were conducted, including 1 vertrep, 1 ASROC/MISSILE rearming and 5 refuelings. A full period termination was maintained for 240 hours with 94.4 per cent continuity. 142 AIC intercepts were completed.

3. Material Condition/Readiness. Expected maintenance accomplishment was not met due to the shortened tender availability period in Kaoshiung. All mission essential work was accomplished, and the support given by USS PRAIRIE (AD-15) was considered superb. All outstanding CASREPTS are presently C-2 and, with the exception of the Tartar missile launcher, require parts for correction.

4. Logistics. Logistics support in the area of routine supply needs has been obtained from AFS's since 1 June 1973. Though not a hindrance, it has been inconvenient in that there is normally no interim support between AFS line swings which have been occurring once every two weeks.

5. Personnel Manning. The total number of personnel assigned has remained relatively constant. The transfer of the previous CIC Officer reduced the number of AIC's to three. The arrival of one additional OS3 reduced the current OS deficiency to six.

6. Employment.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>TASK DRG</u>
1-2 Jul 73	Enroute Kaohsiung	TF 75
3 Jul 73	SAR Taiwan	TF 75
4-11 Jul 73	TAV Kaohsiung	TF 72
12 Jul 73	Taiwan Straits Patrol	CTG 72.1
13 Jul 73	Enroute GOT	TF 75
14-21 Jul 73	USS CORAL SEA Escort	CTU 77.3.2
22 Jul 73	Enroute AAW Picket	TF 77
23-31 Jul 73	AAW Picket	CTU 77.0.1

Total Days Underway This Month = 23
 Total Days Underway Since 14 May = 64

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 197

On 23 July, JOSEPH STRAUSS relieved USS BENJAMIN STODDERT as AAW Picket ship and CTU 77.0.1. Commander Destroyer Squadron Nine, embarked in USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG-32), relieved JOSEPH STRAUSS on 6 August, and STRAUSS commenced transit to Hong Kong, BCC. From 8 thru 15 August, JOSEPH STRAUSS enjoyed a port visit in Hong Kong. The visit was interrupted by one day underway (10 Aug) to evade tropical storm Georgia, which was threatening the Hong Kong area. From 18 thru 28 August, JOSEPH STRAUSS again assumed the role of AAW Picket ship and CTU 77.0.1 in the Gulf of Tonkin. Relieved by the USS PARSONS (DDG-33) on 28 August, JOSEPH STRAUSS concluded the month enroute to Subic Bay, R.P.

UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENTS: Refueling - 5

Stores/provisions - 2

DAYS UNDERWAY THIS MONTH: 25

DAYS UNDERWAY SINCE 14 MAY: 89

1 October 1973

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1973

1. Operations. JOSEPH STRAUSS spent the majority of the month in port, completing a long awaited upkeep period in Subic, the start of another in Singapore and a port visit to Manila. Also conducted were one day of carrier escort duties with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and one day of type training in the Subic OPAREAS.
2. Training. Although training opportunities were limited, seven hours of ASW operations and air and surface gunnery exercises were conducted, both for the first time during this deployment.

The following OPSTAT reported evolutions were completed during September:

ELINTEX
Z-6-AA
Z-17-AA
Z-23-G 5 In
LIVE SUB OPS (7HRS)
SUB OPS NIGHT (5 HRS)
LIVE PING TIME (7 HRS)
INPORT DC PACKAGE
ULM-4 TEST
LAST TYCOM BOILER INSP (2 BOILERS)

During September, PQS material was received on eighteen new programs, seventeen of which were electronics systems and one shipwide program 3-M system (surface). It is anticipated that these will be implemented in the near future. Satisfactory progress is continuing in previously implemented programs.

3. Material Condition/Readiness. With the completion of the Subic upkeep period, all major CASREPTS and equipment casualties were corrected. It is anticipated that the current upkeep period in Singapore will accomplish those repairs and material discrepancy corrections necessary to bring the ship up to established standards. The only major CASREPT which is now outstanding is the AN/SPS-39 radar which was CASREPT for parts on 27 September 1973.

4. Logistics. Logistics support improved considerably with the excellent support from NSD Subic. A loan from next quarter's OPTAR funds was approved to enable purchase of consumables to cover the period in which the ship would be without routine supply support during October.

Personnel Manning. Existing shortages in the CS, DK, OS, BT rates are being reduced in that personnel have beenquisitioned to fill these vacancies, although the majority will not arrive prior to the ship's return to Pearl Harbor.

6. Employment

<u>Date</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Task ORG</u>
-1 Sep 73	USS CORAL SEA Escort	TG 77.3
2-18 Sep 73	UPK Subic	TF 75
19 Sep 73	TYT Subic	TF 75
20-23 Sep 73	Port Visit Manila	TF 75
24-27 Sep 73	Enroute Singapore	TF 75
28-30 Sep 73	UPK Singapore	TF 75

Total days underway this month = 06
Total days underway since 14 May = 95

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1 November 1973

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1973

1. Operations. During October, JOSEPH STRAUSS again experienced a relatively low tempo of operations. This included the completion of her upkeep period in Singapore, a port visit to Sattahip, Thailand, a line period as PIRAZ Escort and the commencement of an upkeep/dry docking period in Subic Bay, R.P..

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A total of five unreps were conducted, one of which was a vertrep.

2. Training. Although training opportunities were essentially limited to the eight day period as PIRAZ Escort, considerable training was completed. C-1 readiness was maintained in all areas except for anti-submarine warfare, engineering trials, surface gunnery and engineering casualty control drills at General Quarters.

The following OPSTAT reported evolutions were conducted during October:

Z-2-CI
Live AAWEX (6 hrs)
Z-17-AA
Z-10/13-GM
Live Sub Ops (1 hr)
Live Ping Time (1 hr)
Z-21-S Vertrep
Z-28-S ASROC Rearm
Z-28-S Missile Rearm
Z-29-S Refuel
Z-13-CC
ULM-4 Test
NTPI ✓

In addition, four live air intercepts were conducted while serving as PIRAZ Escort.

A new command training bill was implemented on 8 October 1973. This bill integrated personnel qualifications standards with other training and educational requirements resulting in a unified and manageable shipboard training program. In addition, a monthly personnel qualifications standards report has been implemented to monitor the progress of the individual, each program and the ship as a whole.

3. Material Condition/Readiness. No major casualties were experienced during October. The total of eleven days of upkeep enabled JOSEPH STRAUSS to complete many lower priority repairs and material improvements. All CASREPTS, with the exception of the tartar launcher should be cascared upon completion of the current upkeep period.

4. Logistics. Logistics support has been highly satisfactory. The unload of consumables prior to departure from Subic in September precluded any large scale requirements and emergencies were more than adequately handled by support activities in Singapore. A significant time saver was the VERTREP of opportunity from USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS-4) which provided for the majority of SERVMART runs planned for Subic.

5. Personnel Manning. Existing shortages in the OS, MM and BT rates are slowly being reduced as personnel ordered in to fill these vacancies report aboard. However, the majority of these billets will not be filled until the ship returns to Pearl Harbor.

6. Employment.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Task Org.</u>
1 - 7 Oct	UPK Singapore	TF 75
8 - 9 Oct	Enroute Sattahip 3	TF 75
10 - 15 Oct	Port Visit Sattahip	TF 75
16-18 Oct	Enroute GOT 3	TF 75
19-26 Oct	PIRAZ Escort	TU 77.0.2
27-28 Oct	Enroute Subic 2	TF 75
29-31 Oct	UPK Subic	TF 75

Total days underway this month = 15
 Total days underway since 14 May = 110

1. Operations. JOSEPH STRAUSS began the month of November in dock. Upon completion of renovation, she undocked on 6 November and completed her Subic upkeep period on the 12th. 13 November was a day of type training followed by a four day port visit to San Fernando, R.P.. Upon departure from San Fernando, JOSEPH STRAUSS transited to Subic for fuel and then proceeded to the Tabones OPAREAS to prepare for Naval Gunfire Support for the Third Marine Division Naval Gunfire School and VM0-6 spotters which was conducted during the period 19-21 November. Also completed while at Tabones were JOSEPH STRAUSS' NGFS Qualifications. Arriving in Subic late on the afternoon of the 21st, JOSEPH STRAUSS spent three days preparing for her transit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On 25 November JOSEPH STRAUSS commenced her transit to Pearl in company with BENJAMIN STODDERT and WHIPPLE. On 29 November she participated in ASW exercises with the GEORGE WASHINGTON in the Guam OPAREAS as well as stopping briefly the same day for fuel at Apra Harbor, Guam prior to continuing her transit.

2. Training. Training accomplishments were highlighted by two events. The first was the completion of NGFS Qualifications on 21 November and the second being the attainment of seven hours of live submarine operations at night while working with the GEORGE WASHINGTON on 29 November. The one day of type training proved fruitless except for the opportunity to test fire the guns and track aircraft. A lack of services precluded the accomplishment of any surface gunnery and although air services were provided as requested, a ceiling below 3000 feet prevented the firing of a Z-6-AA. The transit to Guam provided an opportunity to complete damage control and engineering casualty control exercises as well as a 15 knot economy run. The following OPSTAT reported evolutions were conducted during November:

ELINTEX, Live SUB OPS (7 hrs), Night SUB OPS (7 hrs), Live Ping Time (7 hrs), NGFS Quals, 15 knot economy run, MCC Package, G. Q. TEAM, DC Package, Inport DC Package, CLM-4 Test (3 Times).

The overall performance of PQS has continued to improve. The first monthly personal qualifications report, completed for the month of October, revealed the areas and individuals requiring improvement.

3. Material Condition/Readiness. The Subic upkeep period resulted in the accomplishment of numerous outstanding work requests. Most significant was the drydocking which enabled the replacement of all hull zincs and repairs to the screws. Another significant accomplishment was the replacement of both gun barrels. The major casualty experienced during

November was the damage to the first reduction gear and pinion gear on the gear section of NR 2 Main Circ Pump due to a locking screw coming loose. Though occurring while conducting Naval Gunfire Support, this casualty did not result in JOSEPH STRAUSS failing to meet her commitment. The expedient repair of the circ pump was due to the combined efforts of ship's force personnel, NSRF Subic and the Squadron Engineer. In addition to the TARTAR Launcher, other outstanding Casrepts are the Fathometer, Laser Ranger Finder and AN/SPA-74 Radar Repeater.

4. Logistics. Logistics support has been more than adequate during November and no problems were encountered in this area.

5. Personnel Manning. There have been no significant changes in existing personnel manning shortages in the OS, MM and BT rates.

6. Employment.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Task Org</u>
1-12 Nov	UPK Subic	TF 75
13 Nov	TYT Subic OPAREA	TF 75
14-17 Nov	Port Visit to San Fernando	TF 75
18 Nov	Transit/BSF Subic	TF 75
19-21 Nov	FIREX Tabones	TF 75
22-24 Nov	MA Subic	TU 75.5.1
25-30 Nov	Enr Pearl	TU 75.5.1
29 Nov	BSF Guam	TU 75.5.1
	Total days underway this month -	11
	Total days underway since 14 May -	121

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From: Commanding Officer, USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG 16)
To: Commander, Destroyer Squadron Thirty-Three

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1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information in submitted:

- a. Days underway - 128 days
- b. Days upkeep - 49 days
- c. Days in liberty ports - 31 days (port visits), 82 days (including upk periods plus two holidays occurring at the beginning of upk periods).
- d. Days independent steaming - 2 days TYT, 1 day storm evasion, 1 day SAR, 31 days transit, total - 35 days
- e. Days TG/TU steaming - 90 days
- f. Ports visited - Yokosuka, Sasebo, Kaohsiung, Hong Kong, Subic, Manila, Singapore, Sattahip, San Fernando, Guam, Midway.
- g. Exercises participated in - FIREX TABONES(19-21 Nov 73)
- h. Miles steamed - 39,830 NM
- i. Days uninterrupted POM - 16 days (28 Apr-13 May 1973)
- j. POM problems/deficiencies - deployment one week earlier than anticipated with eight days notice created many personnel problems in crews planning (recall from leave, shipping and storage of cars and dependents return to CONUS) as well as a significant disruption in shipboard preparation for deployment.
- k. Ratio: NR liberties/SHOPAT reports - 12,300/14
1. VD cases by port - Sasebo - 2, Kaohsiung - 16, Hong Kong - 8, Singapore - 3, Sattahip/Bangkok - 24, Manila - 16, Subic Bay - 113

- VB repeaters - 45
- n. NR emergency leaves
 - (1) Requested - 12
 - (2) Granted - 12
- o. NR early leaves granted - 25
- p. Total special order sales - \$12,505*
- q. Total ships store WESTPAC sales - \$53,404
- r. Logistics problems
 - (1) Fuel - No major problems
 - (2) Stores - No major logistic problems while in WESTPAC.
 - (3) Spare parts - Minor problems, irritants and comments:
 - (a) Air parcel post delivery from CONUS in some cases took in excess of 30 days to reach the ship. Air parcel post is frequently the mode used to ship urgently required repair parts and CASREPT parts, thus the shipping time is unsat. In addition, air parcel post shipments cannot be traced. MAC transportation is recommended for CASRPT parts.
 - (b) STRAUSS operated virtually without support of a supply center or mobile replenishment ship from mid-Sept to end of October while visiting Manila, Singapore and Bangkok. Thorough preparation and load-out of supplies and provisions prior to departure Subic enabled this endurance. Without the opportunity to depart on this venture from a large support facility such as Subic, logistic problems could be encountered.
 - (c) Ameroyal, an evaporator treatment chemical which greatly increases fresh water production, is not available at NSD Subic nor from replenishment ships. It is available only from CONUS, or a few WESTPAC ports at greatly inflated prices (double and treble CONUS prices). Recommend Ameroyal be stocked at NSD Subic and carried by replenishment ship's.
 - (d) NSD Subic has reverted to an essentially peacetime posture of a 40 hour regular work week with a duty section handling after hours emergencies. This created no major problems only an irritation to ships who are still operating 80% of the time.

(e) Mutual support by ships in company for urgently required parts was most gratifying and on many occasions prevented CASREPTS and down equipment.

(f) Helo support from carriers and Lamps configured ships was a godsend for parts, personnel and mail transfers.

(g) U.S. Navy office, Singapore, should be cited for truly exceptional response and service to the needs of the fleet.

(h) Stock up on cigarettes, candy and snacks; quality in WESTPAC was often poor.

s. Comments on repair services SRF/D and tender/ repair ship. Outstanding support was received from both NSRF Subic Bay R. P. and USS PRAIRIE (AD-15) in Kaohsiung. Support from SRF Sasebo/USS AJAX (AR-6), and SRF Yokosuka was not utilized to the fullest due to the limited number of working days in port, four and two respectively. Commercial contractors in Singapore provided excellent support in the area of electronic test equipment, calibration and the repair of UHF communication equipment.

t. Shore station support included SEVENTH Fleet reps, USDAO, etc - Overall the shore station support was excellent. It was considered outstanding in Sattahip and San Fernando due to the efforts of USDAO Bangkok and Wallace Air Station respectively.

u. Communication

(1) Broadcast - When NAVCOMPARS put into effect heading Recaps and auto reruns, missing numbers decreased significantly. Overall broadcast reception was good with the exception of inport periods in Singapore and Sattahip.

(2) Ship/shore - NAVCOMMSTA response on ship/shore circuits was much faster than last cruise (Feb - Aug 72) and considered good. This can probably be attributed to the decrease in operating tempo.

(3) Terminations - All terminations were with NCS Guam (total of six weeks). NCS Guam gave outstanding service, the response from facilities control to frequency shifts was fast and reliable.

(4) Average daily traffic load - 36 incoming, 9 outgoing.

(5) Peak day traffic - 113 incoming, 42 outgoing.

v. Adequacy of WESTPAC OPORDS, Pubs, Directive - WESTPAC OPORDS, pubs and directives were adequate and for the most part up to date. Particular useful was the WESTPAC guide, which served as a ready reference for destroyer type operations and evolutions. Also beneficial were the LOI's for Yankee station assignments.

x. Mail service - Excellent throughout the cruise.

y. NR underway replenishments

(1) Alongside - 28

(2) Vertrep - 3

z. Scheduling - Thirteen schedule changes directly affected the STRAUSS during the cruise. The problem encountered was the short lead time. This was particularly evident with the shortening of the Kaohsiung, Taiwan inport period with only three days notice. Overall the schedule was over balanced with at sea operations during the first half and with inport time during the second half. It is recognized that this was a situation, for the most part, beyond the scheduler's control.

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